

## Message Text

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EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ENR, PFOR, EG, US, IS  
SUBJ: AMOCO SEISMIC PROGRAM IN GULF OF SUEZ

REF CAIRO 16888,

1. AMOCO REPS HAVE INFORMED US THAT SEISMIC PROGRAM, WHICH WAS SUBJECT OF REFTEL AND PREVIOUS MESSAGES, HAS BEEN COMPLETED, INCLUDING PROGRAM'S CONTROVERSIAL NORTHEASTERN CORNER. ACCORDING OUR INFO, ISRAELI PATROL BOATS WERE VISIBLE DURING WORK IN AREA OF SO-CALLED MEDIAN LINE, BUT DID NOT DIRECTLY INTERFERE WITH OPERATIONS. IN NORTHEASTERN CORNER, THERE WAS APPARENTLY SOME ORAL CONTACT BETWEEN SEISMIC VESSEL AND ISRAELI PATROL BOATS. SEISMIC VESSEL, UNDER AMOCO'S INSTRUCTIONS, OBEYED ORDER QTE O DEPART TOWARD WESTERN SIDE UNQTE BUT IN DOING SO VESSEL CONTINUED SEISMIC WORK AND MANAGED TO FINISH THE PROGRAM.

2. COMMENT: BECAUSE OF IMPORTANCE OF THIS PARTICULAR SEISMIC PROGRAM, ESPECIALLY NORTHEASTERN CORNER\$) AMOCO APPEARS RELIEVED THAT THERE WAS NO ATTEMPT TO INTERRUPT OPERATIONS. ISRAELI TOLERANCE OF THIS AMOCO ACTIVITY IS WELCOME INDICATION OF THEIR WILLINGNESS TO HELP KEEP TENSION IN THIS SENSITIVE AREA TO MINIMUM. QUESTION OF ISRAELI  
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DRILLING, HOWEVER, REMAINS POINT OF MAJOR CONCERN HERE.  
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